



# *Milwaukee County*

## Supervisor Patricia Jursik, 8<sup>th</sup> District

For Immediate Release February 14, 2011  
Contact: Harold Mester, Public Information Manager  
414/278-4051 or harold.mester@milwcnty.com

### **SUPERVISOR JURSIK STATEMENT ON GMC REPORT**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik, Chairwoman of the County Board's Personnel Committee and Milwaukee County's Long-Range Strategic Plan Steering Committee, released the following statement regarding the Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC) report on Milwaukee County:

"We all agree that reform is needed. And that reform is already underway. While the report from the GMC falsely implies that County leaders are doing nothing, the truth is that the County Board and the Strategic Planning Committee have taken key steps in transforming the way Milwaukee County government works. We have increased what employees pay for pensions and health care and reduced the pension benefit going forward from 2010.

"Our Strategic Planning Committee is already creating a study list of further initiatives for ways to save money for over-extended property taxpayers. These ideas include, among others:

- Exploring a single, cheaper HMO for all employees and retirees
- Finding additional fringe benefit savings
- Exploring whether county employees should become part of the state's health plan to create larger pools

"Some of the recommendations of the Greater Milwaukee initiative are directly out of our public hearings on these benefit changes. GMC leadership is always welcome to attend our public hearings, and our committee includes a representative from Metropolitan Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce."

###